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THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN (Minister for Public Information) on behalf of the Hon. Sri K. Raman Menon:—"(a) The hon. Member is referred to the diet scales in rule 347 of the Madras Jail Manual, Part II.

"(b) A statement [a] is laid on the table."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"With regard to newspapers and periodicals allowable in prison, may I know whetehr the *Justice* and the *Sunday Observer* are not allowed to be delivered in prisons?

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"Obviously, the names of these papers are not on the list."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government will issue instructions not to prohibit these journals the *Justice* and the *Sunday Observer* but to include them among others in the list?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"Not likely."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know the reason?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"These journals have been included in the list with a view to affording prisoners to get suitable reading at their own cost."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"If these prisoners want to buy these two journals at their own cost, will there be any objection to allow them?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"The suggestion will be considered."

SRI R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Is it a fact that the *Hindu* is not in the list?"

THE HON. SRI S. RAMANATHAN:—"It is in the list." (Laughter.)

Districtwar statement showing various extents of land held by pattadars.

* 84 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR T. M. MOIDU SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to furnish a statement showing the number of pattadars under the following categories in each district:—

(a) holding 1 acre and below.

(b) holding over 1 acre and below 2 acres.

(c) ,, 2 acres and below 3 acres.

(d) ,, 3 acres and below 4 acres.

(e) ,, 4 acres and below 6 acres.

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(*f*) holding over 6 acres and below 30 acres.
(*g*) ,, 30 acres and below 60 acres.
(*h*) ,, 60 acres and below 120 acres.
(*i*) ,, 120 acres and below 300 acres.
(*j*) ,, 300 acres and below 600 acres.
(*k*) ,, 600 acres and below 1,000 acres.
(*l*) ,, 1,000 acres and below 1,500 acres.
(*m*) ,, 1,500 acres and below 3,000 acres.
(*n*) ,, 3,000 acres and below 5,000 acres.
(*o*) ,, 5,000 acres and below 6,000 acres.
(*p*) ,, 6,000 acres and below 7,000 acres.
(*q*) ,, 7,000 acres and below 8,000 acres.
(*r*) ,, 8,000 acres and below 10,000 acres.

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" The Government have not the information asked for and it cannot be collected without considerable labour and expense."

KHAN BAHADUR T. M. MOIDU SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether the Government think it worth while or not to collect the information and place it before the House? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" We have been trying to get the information, and we shall try to get it as far as possible."

Flag-hoisting ceremonies performed by Ministers and consequent travelling expenses.

* 85 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number and places of flag-hoisting ceremonies performed by the Hon. Ministers or their Secretaries since July 1937 and the amount of travelling expenses drawn in connexion therewith?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" The Hon. Ministers and their Parliamentary Secretaries have not kept any account of the ceremonies referred to and performed by them. The tours were not undertaken for that purpose and no expenditure on travelling allowance has been incurred in that connexion. Popular Ministers cannot avoid engagements of various kinds while they move about on public business."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" I have asked about flag-hoisting ceremonies; and there might have been flag-hoisting ceremonies along or in conjunction with other business also."